

## MSC Order: Recall election of Rep. Paul Scott may proceed

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The Michigan Supreme Court issued an order in *Scott v. Michigan Director of Elections*, No. 143878, reversing the order of the Court of Appeals and reinstating the Ingham County Circuit Court order that denied the plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction. In this case, state Rep. Paul Scott, a Republican from Grand Blanc, challenged the recall petition against him. The Supreme Court ruled that the circuit court did not abuse its discretion when it denied Scott's motion for an injunction, because Scott had not demonstrated he was likely to prevail on the merits. The Court also noted that the Court of Appeals' ruling created confusion and uncertainty, because it was not clear from the order whether the Court of Appeals retained jurisdiction. The Court encouraged future litigants in election disputes to file applications for leave to appeal directly with the Supreme Court after filing the application with the Court of Appeals, as allowed by MCR 7.302(C)(1)(b).